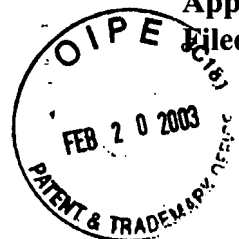


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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the elections made herein are intended to facilitate the Examiner's search and not because any of the non-elected species would render the claims unpatentable. The elections made herein are made without prejudice to the later prosecution of any claims containing any nonelected species.

Applicants respectfully maintain that the claims are patentable and request that they be passed to issue. If a fee is associated with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 11-1410. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if any issues may be resolved through a telephonic conversation.

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